THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Allegations by Vice Consul Istanbul

2703. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vice Consul in Indian Embassy, Istanbul, Turkey, has leveled serious allegations of corruption and other irregularities;

(b) if so, what is the nature of those allegations;

(c) whether Government have enquired into the said allegations if so, the finding thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to take some action against Vice Consul as well; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The allegations pertained to financial irregularities against the Consul General.

(c) A preliminary investigation was conducted on the allegations, which were found to be false.

(d) and (e) Government has recalled the Vice Consul for making false allegations, thereby violating the Conduct Rules of Government.